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March 15, 2016

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

30 March 15, 2016

LORI GLASGOW
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

FINDINGS AND ORDERS OF THE BUILDING REHABILITATION APPEALS BOARD IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF EAST LOS ANGELES (SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

This action will adopt the findings and orders of the Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board pursuant to Title 26 of the Los Angeles County Code, Building Code, which provides for the arrest and abatement of neighborhood deterioration and the elimination of unsightly, unsafe, and unhealthful conditions, which constitute a public nuisance.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

Adopt the findings and orders of the Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board that provide for abatement of public nuisances at the following locations:

4113 Zaring Street, East Los Angeles, California 90063
4612 Fisher Street, East Los Angeles, California 90022
577 South Gerhart Avenue, East Los Angeles, California 90022

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to provide for abatement of public nuisances through rehabilitation procedures. Title 26 of the Los Angeles County Code, Building Code, provides for a Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board to hear appeals on matters concerning public nuisances.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3) as it provides services to the public that have a wide-reaching positive effect on the entire community. The action will provide for the arrest and abatement of neighborhood deterioration and the elimination of unsightly, unsafe, and unhealthful conditions, which constitute a public nuisance. This action will also maximize opportunities to measurably improve client and community outcomes and leverage resources through the continuous integration of health, community, and public safety services.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no increase in net County cost or negative fiscal impact. Costs of the abatement work are billed to the property owner(s). Failure to pay the bill will cause a special assessment to be placed on the tax bill and a Notice of Abatement Lien will be recorded against the property with the office of the County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Building Code provides for abatement of public nuisances through rehabilitation procedures contained in Chapter 99.

Government Code Section 25845 requires that the property owner(s) be provided an opportunity to appear before the Board and be heard prior to abatement of the nuisance(s) by the County. However, the Board adopted modified procedures that delegated the required hearing to the Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board with the requirement that the Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board make a written recommendation to the Board.

The Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board has conducted the required hearing for the properties listed below. The Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board considered all competent evidence and testimony offered by all persons pertaining to the matters of the substandard properties. The Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board made a finding of facts in the matter and declared the following properties to be a public nuisance.

The Board may either adopt these findings and orders of the Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board without further notice of hearing or may set the matter for a de novo hearing before the Board.

ADDRESS: 4113 Zaring Street, East Los Angeles, California 90063

Finding and Order: The Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board made a finding that the property is substandard, declared the property a public nuisance, and issued the following order: that by March 19, 2016, the property be cleared of all trash, junk, debris, discarded household furniture, appliances, equipment, construction equipment and material, and miscellaneous personal property and maintained cleared thereafter, if substantial progress, extend to April 20, 2016.

List of Defects

1. Maintenance of premises so out of harmony and/or conformity with the maintenance standards of adjacent properties as to cause substantial diminution of the enjoyment, use, or property values of such adjacent properties.
2. Attractive nuisances dangerous to children in the form of abandoned or broken

equipment, neglected machinery, washer, dryer, refrigerators, and freezers.

3. Broken or discarded furniture and household equipment in yard areas for unreasonable periods.
4. Miscellaneous articles of personal property scattered about the premises.
5. Trash, junk, and debris scattered about the premises.
6. Abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, or inoperable vehicle(s) or parts thereof stored for unreasonable periods on the premises.

ADDRESS: 4612 Fisher Street, East Los Angeles, California 90022

Finding and Orders: The Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board made a finding that the property is substandard, declared the property a public nuisance, and issued the following orders:

- (a) that by March 19, 2016, the property be cleared of all trash, junk, debris, discarded or broken household furniture, and miscellaneous personal property and maintained cleared thereafter,
- (b) that by March 19, 2016, permits be obtained and the fire-damaged structure be repaired to code, and (c) that the fire-damaged portion of the structure be maintained secured to prevent unauthorized entry.

List of Defects

1. Maintenance of premises so out of harmony and/or conformity with the maintenance standards of adjacent properties as to cause substantial diminution of the enjoyment, use, or property values of such adjacent properties.
2. Portions of the interior and exterior walls are fire damaged.
3. Doors and windows are broken.
4. The building contains fire-damaged ceiling, roof supports, and systems.
5. The electrical wiring is fire damaged.
6. Broken or discarded furniture and household equipment in yard areas for unreasonable periods.
7. Miscellaneous articles of personal property scattered about the premises.
8. Trash, junk, and debris scattered about the premises.
9. Garbage cans and packing crates stored in front or side yards and visible from public streets.
10. Abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, or inoperative vehicles or parts thereof stored for unreasonable periods on the premises.

The interior of the building was not accessible for inspection; therefore, additional defects may be found when an interior inspection is made.

ADDRESS: 577 South Gerhart Avenue, East Los Angeles, California 90022

Finding and Orders: The Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board made a finding that the property is substandard, declared the property a public nuisance, and issued the following orders: (a) that by March 19, 2016, the property be cleared of all trash, junk, debris, and miscellaneous personal property and maintained cleared thereafter, (b) that by March 19, 2016, permits be obtained and the structure be repaired to code or demolished, (c) that by March 19, 2016, the wrecked, dismantled, or inoperable vehicle(s) and parts thereof be removed and the property be maintained cleared thereafter, and (d) that the structure(s) be maintained secured to prevent unauthorized entry. Demolition includes the removal of all foundations, slabs, walks, driveways, debris, and the proper abandonment of any sewer or sewage disposal system.

List of Defects

1. Maintenance of premises so out of harmony and/or conformity with the maintenance standards of adjacent properties as to cause substantial diminution of the enjoyment, use, or property values of such adjacent properties.
2. The building was open and accessible to children, vandalized, and existed as a threat to public safety and welfare until it was barricaded, as requested by the Sheriff's Department.
3. Portions of the interior and exterior walls are defective, broken, and inadequate.
4. Doors and windows are broken.
5. Overgrown vegetation and weeds constituting an unsightly appearance.
6. Broken or discarded furniture and household equipment in yard areas for unreasonable periods.
7. Miscellaneous articles of personal property scattered about the premises.
8. Trash, junk, and debris scattered about the premises.
9. Garbage cans stored in front or side yards and visible from public streets.
10. Abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, or inoperative vehicles or parts thereof stored for unreasonable periods on the premises.

Portions of the interior of the building were not accessible for inspection; therefore, additional defects may be found when an interior inspection is made.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Find that the action set forth in this Board letter is not a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Not applicable.

CONCLUSION

The Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board confirmed the County Building Official's findings that the listed properties are substandard because they are injurious to health, offensive to the senses, and obstructs the free use of neighboring properties so as to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life and property.

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Building and Safety Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gail Farber". The script is cursive and fluid.

GAIL FARBER

Director

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c: Chief Executive Office (Rochelle Goff)
County Counsel
Executive Office